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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1953

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1953.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following report on the public health services of the Rural District Council for the year 1953.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health :

W. Sharpe, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector :

H. Templeman, M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B., Cert. (Meat and other Foods).

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

A. N. Errington, C.S.I.B.

County Nursing Staff operating in District :

Miss E. A. Clarke, Ainderby. ..
Mrs. S. M. Pilling, Osmotherley.
Miss S. E. Smith, East Cowton.
Miss E. Johnson, Northallerton.
Miss S. Kitching, Brompton.
Miss M. Metcalfe, Northallerton.

Ambulance Service.

The district is served by the County Ambulance Station at East Road, Northallerton.

Laboratory Service.

Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Estimated mid-year 1951) ..	8,484
Population (1931 Census)	7,683
Inhabited Houses	2,690
Rateable Value	£37,263
Product of 1d. Rate	£149 16s. 3d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
Live Births :					
Legitimate	61	67	128	15·5	15·5
Illegitimate	0	3	3		
Stillbirths :					
Legitimate	4	2	6	45·8*	22·4*
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
Deaths :					
All causes	43	46	89	10·5	11·4
Maternal causes ..	–	0	0	0	0·76
Enteritis and diarrhoea under 2 years ..	0	0	0	0	1·1†
Measles (all ages) ..	0	0	0	0	—
Whooping cough (all ages)	0	0	0	0	—

* Rates per 1,000 Total Live and Still) Births.
† Rates per 1,000 Live Births.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age	Local	England & Wales
All infants per 1,000 live births	38·2	26·8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births	0	–
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births	0	–

POPULATION.

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
Mid-year population ..	8,484	8,402	8,417	8,550	8,238	8,052	8,126
Birth rate	15·5	17·2	15·7	15·0	18·1	17·6	17·7
Death rate	10·5	10·7	10·8	11·5	11·0	12·4	12·3

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
All Causes	43	46	49	10·5	11·4
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0·20
Cancer	6	8	14	1·65	—
Cardio-vascular	25	24	49	5·78	—
Pneumonia	1	2	3	0·35	0·55
Bronchitis	2	3	5	0·59	—
Digestive diseases ..	0	1	1	0·12	—
Nephritis and nephrosis ..	0	1	1	0·12	—
Congenital malformations ..	1	0	1	0·12	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	6	9	10·6	—
Motor vehicle accidents ..	2	0	2	0·24	—
Other accidents	3	1	4	0·47	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
Typhoid fever	0	0	0	0·00	0·00
Paratyphoid fever ..	0	0	0	0·00	0·01
Meningococcal infection ..	0	0	0	0·00	·003
Scarlet fever	1	1	2	0·24	1·39
Whooping cough ..	3	3	6	0·71	3·58
Diphtheria	1	1	2	0·24	0·01
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0·00	0·14
Smallpox	0	0	0	0·00	0·00
Measles	113	105	218	25·7	12·36
Pneumonia	1	0	1	0·12	0·84
Acute Poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) :					
Paralytic	0	0	0	0·00	0·07
Non-paralytic ..	0	0	0	0·00	0·04
Food poisoning	0	0	0	0·00	0·24
Puerperal pyrexia	0	0	0	0·00	18·2*

*Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births.

It will be seen from the above statistical table that the only disease unduly prevalent in the district during the year was measles, the clinical severity of which was not great, there being no deaths associated with the outbreak.

I should again like to repeat my warning of the previous years regarding the inadequate protection of the pre-school child against diphtheria and smallpox. The immunisation state of the children in the district is as follows :—

0 to 4 years	..	50% immunised.
5 to 14 years	..	87% immunised.

The figure for school children is very satisfactory, due of course to the fact that immunisation procedure is carried out at school and requires very little effort on the part of the parents. The number of children under 5 years, however, who are protected against this serious disease is well below the safety level and every effort must be made to get this figure raised to at least 75%.

When we consider the number of infants being protected against smallpox, the position is much more alarming since only 18% of the children born during 1953 have been notified as having been vaccinated. I would again like to emphasize the importance of having this simple procedure carried out in infancy, when reactions are minimal, and protection is afforded early in life.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Group	New Cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0-4	0	0	0	0
5-14	0	0	0	0
15+	6	0	0	0
Total ..	6	0	0	0

There were 20 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the register as at the 31st December, 1953. This gives a rate of 2·48 cases of tuberculosis per 1,000 population as compared with 5·95 in 1952. The difference between these two rates is a result of the removal from the register of a number of persons who were written off as cured during the year or who had transferred to another district.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Action was taken under Section 47 of the above Act in the case of two men who were living together and who were not receiving adequate care and attention. The removal was effected on an emergency order and accommodation was provided in a County Council Home for aged persons.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

Water Supplies.

Work proceeded throughout the year on the water distribution scheme which, when completed, will provide a piped supply for the entire district. It is hoped that the scheme will be completed early in 1954 and that most properties will be connected to the main before the end of that year. It will then be possible to close the existing shallow well supplies which are, of course, a constant threat to the health of the community.

Sewerage Disposal.

The disposal of sewerage from the main centres of population (Brompton and Romanby) is now satisfactory. The new treatment plant situated at Romanby is delivering an effluent of a very high standard, and has consequently improved the condition of the local water course which has been a continual nuisance for many years. There is now, of course, with the provision of a mains water supply, an urgent need for the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal works in the many villages throughout the district. It is appreciated that on economic grounds this is a problem which will have to be tackled in stages, and it is therefore important that a priority scheme should be drawn up, in order that a start can be made immediately in the villages where the problem is most acute.

Milk.

There are 9 registered retail milk sellers in the area, who are supervised by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Ice Cream.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the district but there are 13 registered dealers who are supervised to ensure that they comply with the Ice Cream Regulations.

Meat and Food.

All shops in the district dealing with food are visited regularly by the Sanitary Inspector and advice is given in an effort to improve the hygienic storage and handling of foodstuffs. Meat inspection throughout the year has continued at the abattoir at Northallerton where the slaughter of animals for the district is centralised this is a very satisfactory arrangement, and ensures a high standard of meat inspection.

As in previous reports your Sanitary Inspector has undertaken relief duties on meat inspection when required.

Factories and Workshops.

There are relatively few factories and workshops in the district but the important ones have been visited regularly with a view to improving the hygienic conditions. The full co-operation of the managements has been obtained when helpful criticism was offered.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The collection of refuse, which is weekly in the larger centres of population and fortnightly in the more scattered rural areas, is satisfactory but at times considerable strain has been imposed on the existing staff to maintain this service.

I can only repeat my previous comments regarding the tip at Yafforth Road. It is not a desirable tipping ground, and steps should be taken to acquire a new site.

Rodent Control.

The existing scheme of rodent control whereby a full time operator is shared with the Northallerton Urban Authority has worked satisfactorily during the year. Details of the work done will be found in the accompanying report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Rivers and Streams.

The pollution of water courses in the district remains as in previous reports except for the improvement following the completion of the Romanby Sewage disposal works. There is no liklihood of conditions improving in several areas until satisfactory sewage disposal schemes are provided.

Housing.

The building programme has continued during the year under review with the emphasis again laid on the provision of houses in the larger centres of population, notably Brompton and Romanby. It would appear that the demand for new houses in the purely agricultural areas has been nearly met, but it should be borne in mind, when planning future building programmes, that there are a considerable number of houses situated in the outlying villages which are unfit for human habitation and should be closed or demolished as soon as adequate provision can be made for re-housing the present occupants. It cannot be too strongly stressed the adverse effect sub-standard housing has on the physical and mental health of the occupants. I am convinced that a considerable percentage of the increase in psycho-neurotic illness in recent years has inadequate housing conditions as a major contributory factor. A satisfactory house of one's own for every family in the district must be the target of the housing committee and only then can it afford to relax its efforts.

A small clearance area involving three terraced houses in the village of Brompton was ratified by the Ministry of Health during the year. This area has now been cleared.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

WM. SHARPE,

M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ended 1953 :—

General Sanitary Work.

460 Inspections and 441 Reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 232 Informal Notices were served upon the owner occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occuring thereon. The total number of nuisances abated was 229.

4 Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1953.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	454
Inspection of Council Houses	157
Interview with Owners and Builders	286
Tents, Vans and Sheds	14
Verminous Premises	3
Total Inspection of Housing Conditions ..	914
Private Slaughterhouses	10
Bakehouses	5
Milk Retailers	20
Ice Cream Sellers	16
Fried Fish Shops	3
Food Preparing Rooms	12
Food Premises	36
Total Inspections with regard to Food ..	102
Investigations of Complaints	387
Drain Tests	86
Rat Inspections	364
Building Licences	22
Factories and Workshops	20
Water Supplies	123
Water Samples (Bact.)	55
,, ,, (Chem.)	0

Rivers and Streams	20
Building Construction Inspections	473
Sewage Works Inspections	69
Refuse Tip Inspections	41
Total of other Inspections	1,660
Grand total of Inspections	2,676

Summary of Sanitary Improvements, 1953.

Repairs to Roofs	59
,, ,, Wall, Pointing, Etc.	37
,, ,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters	17
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens	73
,, ,, Windows and Doors	24
,, ,, Floors	9
,, ,, Staircases	3
,, ,, Yard Surfaces	20
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains ..	97
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses	9
Damp conditions remedied	35
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned	1

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved	29
Burst pipes and taps repaired	12
Internal supplies provided	25
Pumps repaired	16
Wells cleaned	2

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C's and Yard Gullies cleansed	28
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished	42
New water closets provided	88
Dust Bins provided and renewed	72
Setpots provided	4

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleared	85
New sinks provided	12
Systems improved	36
Cess pools and Septic Tanks emptied	38
Water Courses Cleaned	9
New Septic Tank with Filter	24

Shops.

Walls, Floors, Ceiling and Windows Cleansed, Repaired and Decorated	2
New Sinks provided, Old Curtains removed—Cleansed ..	2

Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	2
Walls, Floors, Ceiling, Cleansed and Decorated ..	2
Clean Towels Provided	—
Hot Water	2

Factories.

W.C's Repaired	2
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Repaired, Cleansed and Painted	1
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Cleansed only	—
New Lighting (to Closets)	—

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated	2
Total ..	921

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of Inspections (4)	Number of Written notices (5)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (6)	M/c line Ng. (7)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	27	22	Nil	Nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
Total ..		27	22	Nil	Nil	

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	M/c line No.
		Found	Remedied	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) ..	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.) ..	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.) ..	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.) ..	8	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)							
(*a*) insufficient	9	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	9
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ..	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ..	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
Total ..	60	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	60

Factories with Power.
Year 1953.

Ainderby Steeple	1
Borrowby	2
Brompton	6
East Cowton	1
East Harlsey	1
Osmotherley	6
Romanby	10
Great Smeaton	1
	28

Trades.

Builders	8
Linen Manufacturers	2
Bakers	2
Motor Repair Shops	11
Blacksmiths	5
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers ..	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	2
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	1
Saddlers	1
Joiners	9
	45

Housing and New Buildings.

473 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and building under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1952	Completed during 1953	Under Construction at end of 1953
Ainderby Steeple ..	2	1	–
Birkby	3	–	–
Brompton	16	1	1
Cotcliffe	2	–	–
Ellerbeck	–	1	–
East Harlsey	2	–	1
East Cowton	–	2	1
South Cowton	–	–	1
Hutton Bonville	4	1	–
Great Langton	–	1	2
Great Smeaton	3	–	–
Kirby Sigston	1	–	–
Little Smeaton	–	–	–
Lazenby	–	2	–
Osmotherley	4	2	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	1	–	–
Romanby	8	9	2
Warlaby	1	–	–
Welbury	–	2	–
West Harlsey	2	–	–
West Rounton	–	1	–
	49	23	8

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske ..	8	4	4
Borrowby	4	–	–
Brompton	42	32	–
Danby Wiske	2	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton	4	–	–
Great Langton	2	–	–
Great Smeaton	4	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston	2	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	6	8	–
Ellerbeck	2	2	–
Romanby	90	–	–
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	–	–
Yafforth	2	–	2
Welbury	–	2	–
Thrintoft	–	4	–
	180	52	6

Building Licences.

The table below gives details of work licensed during 1953 :—

	No.	Value
		£
New Dwellings ..	13	35,309
Repairs and Adaptations ..	10	13,501
	23	£48,810

PLANS ANALYSIS.

PLANS. 79 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds and Greenhouses	Cowsheds & Dairies	Other Agricultural Buildings	Wash-houses coal-houses & W.C's	Total
Ainderby Steeple ..	–	–	2	1	–	2	–	5
Appleton Wiske ..	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	2
Birkby ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Borrowby ..	–	–	3	1	–	2	–	6
Brompton ..	–	1	2	5	–	5	–	13
Ellerbeck ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cowton East ..	–	2	1	–	1	2	–	6
Cowton South ..	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	2
Danby Wiske ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Deighton ..	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	3
Harlsey East ..	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Hornby ..	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Hutton Bonville ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Kirby Sigston ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Great Langton ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	2
Nether Silton ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Osmotherley ..	–	–	2	2	2	–	–	6
Romanby ..	1	6	2	14	–	3	–	26
Rounton ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Smeaton Great ..	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Smeaton Little ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sowerby-u-Cotcliffe ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Thrintoft ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Welbury ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Winton ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Yafforth ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTAL ..	1	12	16	27	5	18	0	79

Housing Survey Statement.

Categories
1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Repairs or structural alterations.
4. Suitable for improvement under Housing Act, 1949.
5. Unfit.

Number of houses to be surveyed in the area .. 2,291.

Progress details	No. of Houses Surveyed	Categories 1	2	3	4	5	No. of over-crowding cases
Totals returned on previous statements ..	1,968	954	751	137	16	126	45
Details for year ..	18	—	—	11	—	7	4
Totals up to date ..	1,986	954	751	148	16	133	49 20—
							29

DETAILS of action taken during the twelve months period ended 31st March, 1954.

Number of informal notices served	48
Statutory notices served under Sec. 9	Nil
Statutory notices served under Sec. 11	2
Number of houses in clearance areas under Sec. 25 ..	3
Overcrowding abatement notices	Nil
Result of action taken :	
Number of houses where repairs are in hand	6
Number of houses where repairs are completed ..	40
Number re-conditioned under Housing Act, 1949 ..	Nil
Number of houses demolished (Sec. 11 or Sec. 25) ..	3
Number of overcrowding cases abated	20

Shops.

During the year, 26 routine inspections were made. There were 3 instances of contraventions or improvements effected.

Streams and Watercourses.

Streams have been cleansed at East Harlsey, Thrintoft, Morton-on-Swale and Appleton Wiske.

Rodent Control.

Consequent upon the passing of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, the Rural and Urban Councils appointed a full-time Rodent Operator. He commenced duties in November, 1950, and divides his time equally between the two Authorities. Apart from dwelling houses, farms, and the Council's own property, *i.e.* refuse tips, sewers, and sewage works, treatments were carried out for British Railways. A free service is given to all private dwellings but a charge is made for any treatment executed on business premises.

The following Table gives particulars of the work carried out during the year :—

	Infestations		No. of Inspections made	No. of Properties inspected
	Major	Minor		
Local Authorities Premises ..	1	7	92	8
Business Premises ..	3	14	39	19
Private Premises ..	—	58	159	53
Agricultural Property ..	13	17	72	27
Survey	—	—	80	—
	17	96	442	107

The estimated number of rats destroyed as calculated by the Ministry of Agriculture's formula is 1,474.

Water Supplies.

Towards the end of the year under review, the District Water Scheme was practically completed. The whole of the mains and service reservoirs were adequately sterilized and steps were taken to induce potential consumers to make early connections to the Mains.

The Mains extension scheme to the Parish of Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe is expected to be completed early in 1954.

The following Table shows details of those Parishes with piped water supplies and, of course, shows very little variation of the position as it has existed for some years past. Future reports and the Tables accompanying should indicate a very different state of affairs as water mains are now reasonably available to all Parishes.

Parish	Houses		Population	
	Direct Piped	Stand pipe	Direct piped	Stand pipe
Brompton	483	—	1,380	—
Romanby	484	—	1,320	—
Osmotherley	234	16	528	58
Nether Silton	22	8	74	25
West Rounton	22	5	60	12
Great Langton	—	24	—	—

NOTE : The above figures relate only to the villages ; the outlying properties in the Parishes have wells.

55 Samples of water were taken during the year of which 32 proved unsatisfactory and 23 unsatisfactory.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The Council continue to operate two Karrier refuse collection vehicles and although each village in the Rural Area is served by the vehicles, great difficulty is experienced at times in maintaining an adequate service. The time is rapidly approaching when the Council will have to consider operating an additional vehicle or alternatively experiment with one or other of the new types of appliances which are coming on to the market.

The tip at Yafforth Road, Northallerton, continues to be used but is far from satisfactory.

The following Tables give details of the service during the year :—

Refuse Collections.

KARRIER C.K. 3 (D.P.Y. 293) (3 Man Crew).

Parish	EMPTIED			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	1,000	1,280	113	
Borrowby	800	1,319	—	
Brompton	4,678	8,513	466	Total hours worked by crew 8,755
Danby Wiske ..	600	1,145	20	
Great Langton ..	873	1,070	4	
Little Danby ..	238	—	—	
Morton-on-Swale ..	1,095	1,440	69	
Romanby	20,370	260	99	Total number of loads 751
Silton Over ..	—	—	—	
Silton Nether ..	—	—	—	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	205	335	—	
Thrintoft	449	473	53	Total Mileage 7,222
Yafforth	659	943	34	
	30,967	16,778	858	

KARRIER C.K. 3 (H.P.Y. 445) (3 MAN CREW).

Parish	Emptied			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	—	—	—	
Appleton Wiske ..	1,215	1,768	152	
Brompton	9,183	170	—	
Borrowby	—	—	129	
Deighton	372	412	—	
East Harlsey ..	1,182	1,588	79	Total hours worked by
East Cowton ..	648	1,237	117	crew 8,994
Hornby	102	339	82	
Hutton Bonville ..	48	57	11	
Kiplin	—	—	4	Total number of loads
Morton-on-Swale ..	—	—	—	684
Osmotherley ..	6,410	460	67	
Romanby	13,984	332	—	
Smeaton Great ..	623	692	76	Total Mileage 9,932
Smeaton Little ..	—	—	—	
Silton Nether ..	465	518	30	
Silton Over ..	251	160	2	
Thrintoft	—	—	—	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	—	—	36	
Welbury	713	861	35	
West Rounton ..	223	415	73	
	35,229	9,009	893	

Milk and Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

There were 9 registered milk-sellers in the area during the year. 22 inspections of premises were made.

There are 13 dealers in ice-cream registered by the Council, 4 Osmotherley, 3 Romanby, and 6 Brompton. 11 dealers sell pre-packed products and 2 dealers bulk ice-cream, which is obtained from manufacturers in Northallerton. There are no manufacturers within the Rural area, 18 inspections were made.

Food Inspection.

The slaughter of animals for human consumption is centralised in Northallerton, and the Council's Sanitary Inspectors undertake relief duties at the abattoir when the Urban District Sanitary Inspector is away.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year, the settling tanks were emptied in the Parishes of Ainderby Steeple, Morton-on-Swale, Thrintoft, Yafforth, Danby Wiske, East Cowton, Great Smeaton, Hornby, West Rounton, Appleton Wiske, Welbury and Borrowby.

The tanks in Brompton were pumped off and cleansed twice during the year.

The Brompton Romanby Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme has been completed and is working satisfactorily.

The following table shows details of new sewers laid during 1953.

Parish	Lin Yds.				
	15 Diam.	12 Diam.	9 Diam.	7 Diam.	6 Diam.
Borrowby	—	—	—	—	33
Romanby	—	—	—	—	170
Brompton	—	—	52	—	122
	—	—	52	—	325

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following new water closets were provided by way of conversion.

Parish.	No.
East Harlsey	1
Brompton ..	8
Welbury	2
Romanby	4
Osmotherley	10
Appleton Wiske	1
Hornby	2
East Cowton	1
Yafforth	1
Morton-on-Swale ..	3
Thrintoft	1
Great Langton	2
Deighton	4
Lovesome Hill	2
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Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none within the Rural Area.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. TEMPLEMAN.